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In re Patent Application of: Tomas Back et al.

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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT.

ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF

THE SUPPORT ELEMENT

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004 (Paper No. 10), finally rejecting claims 11-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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